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SUBJECT : EASTLAND VISIT TO TAIWAN

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1. SENATOR JAMES O. EASTLAND (D-MISS) AND THREE FRIENDS HAD A QUIET PRIVATE VISIT TO TAIWAN AUGUST 17-20. THE AMBASSADOR HAD AN INFORMAL LUNCH ON THE 17TH WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY GROC REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBJECTS COVERED BY THE SENATOR'S COMMITTEES - JUDICIARY, AGRICULTURE, IMMIGRATION. LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE WAS DISCUSSED, ALTHOUGH THE SENATOR MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS AGAINST NORMALIZATION AT THE PRICE OF SEVERING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE ROC AND ABROGATING THE MUTUAL
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DEFENSE TREATY.

2. THE REMAINDER OF THE SENATOR'S SCHEDULE WAS ARRANGED BY MOFA. A KEY FIGURE WAS A C. P. CHANG, FORMERLY OF MOFA AND THE ROC EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND NOW A "PUBLIC RELATIONS CONSULTANT," WHO CLAIMED HE INITIATED THE VISIT

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WITH THE SENATOR'S OFFICE AND PERSUADED THE SENATOR TO MAKE HIS FIRST VISIT TO TAIWAN AND EAST ASIA.

3. THE SENATOR CALLED ON PRESIDENT CHIANG CHING-KUO THE AFTERNOON OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 17. FRIDAY THE PARTY FLEW TO QUEMOY FOR THE DAY AFTER THE SENATOR INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO SEE THE "RESTRICTED ISLANDS." THE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED CALL ON PREMIER SUN YU-HSUEN AND A VISIT TO KAOHSIUNG ON FRIDAY WERE CANCELLED. THE PARTY TOURED HUALIEN ON SATURDAY, THEN HAD DINNER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SHEN CH'ANG-HUAN. THEY LEFT FOR HONG KONG SUNDAY MORNING.

4. COMMENT: THE SENATOR WAS TREATED TO THE USUAL CHINESE HOSPITALITY AND PLEASED HIS HOSTS
IN HIS ARRIVAL REMARKS
BY INDICATING SUPPORT FOR THE ROC AND THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. SENATOR EASTLAND IS THE LATEST OF A NUMBER OF FRIENDLY CONGRESSMEN TO VISIT TAIWAN IN RECENT MONTHS - MOST OF WHOSE SCHEDULES WERE ARRANGED BY THE GROC.
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